

# Serving Us Today

**Disciples:** All Members

**Organist:** Ginny Beamish

**Minister:** Don Crist

**Altar Decoration:** Becky Pierce

**Liturgist:** John Gibbons

**Head Usher:** Mike Beamish

**Choir Director:** Becky Pierce

**Counters:** Mike Beamish &  
John Gibbons

April 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 10a History Team 6p Choir	4	5	6
7 9:30a Adult Sunday School / Exploration Class 10:30a Worship	8	9	10 10a History Team 6p Choir 4:30p Ministry & Worship	11	12	13
14 9:30a Adult Sunday School / Exploration Class 10:30a Worship	15	16	17 10a History Team 6p Choir	18	19	20
21 9:30a Adult Sunday School 10:30a Worship	22	23	24 10a History Team 6p Choir	25 10a Council	26	27 10a Coffee Chat at TGP
28 9:30a Adult Sun School 10:30a Worship	29	30				



April 21, 2024

**“A New Life Coach”**



Joyce Huston – 4/15 JoAnn Kropp – 4/15

Robert Brower – 4/22

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## INTROIT

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Liturgist)

A friendly welcome to all! No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here.

### BELLS TO WELCOME THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE "I Surrender All" Franklin Ritter

\*OPENING WORDS *Jesus said to his disciples before he died: "Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."* (John 15:4)

\*SONG OF THE MORNING #75 Red Hymnal  
"The King of Glory"

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Liturgist: The Good Shepherd invites us to green pastures. We are refreshed beside still waters.*

**People: We have been given everything we have. God offers us everything we need.**

*Liturgist: God welcomes us to the table where love is expressed. We are invited to partake of the truth God offers.*

**People: We have received plenty that we might share. We are called to be God's helpers.**

# Church News

Join us next Sunday in the café for Adult Sunday School at 9:30am. Mike Beamish will be leading us in the topic "Cash the Check! – Using Your Time, Talent and Treasure".

### Coffee Chat

The Christian Education Committee is hosting a Coffee Chat on Saturday, April 27, at 10 a.m. at The Gathering Place. Coffee and munchies will be provided. Conversation will be whatever is on your mind. All are welcome. The playground will be available for those who need it. Come and enjoy a Cuppa Joe with your St. John's family!

### Special Music

Please join us next week as we welcome back Bethany Evans as our organist and special music.

Our Children's Space is located through the door at the front of the sanctuary. We know there may be times that children's needs may differ. Families are welcome to come to the area at any time during the service. Simply follow the signs and you will find our children's rooms thoughtfully prepared for your family, including a live feed for you to follow along.

# God is Still Speaking,

## Attendance and Giving

Total Attendance last week 4/14/24 = 27

General Fund Donations		
Week of 4/14/24	Month of April	Monthly Budget
\$5,944.20	\$9,714.20	\$9,507.00

### \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)

Good shepherd, we meet in your name, confident that we are known and loved by you. Here we draw close to one another and to you, expecting to be empowered by fresh insights to live as your people. We want to care for one another in life-giving ways. Help us grow in love that is genuine in its caring and self-sacrifice. Equip us for service beyond this hour of meeting. Amen.

**ANTHEM:** "Be Still and Know" Karen Marrolli

### A TIME FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

**MORNING PRAYER** Don Crist

### THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** 1 John 3:16-24

### SILENT PREPARATION FOR LISTENING

We invite you to use these few moments of silence to welcome the Inner Teacher to speak to you as Don shares the morning message.

**SERMON** "A New Life Coach" Don Crist

## OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

*Bring your good deeds as an offering to God. Present to the Good Shepherd your firm commitment to care for others in the spirit of Christ. We cannot simply dedicate our money, hiring others to carry out the mission of the church on our behalf. We, ourselves, are called to give leadership and comfort. The giving that God expects includes our time and talents as well as treasure.*

**OFFERTORY**                      “A Blessing”                      Gerald Peterson

### \*DOXOLOGY: (In Unison)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, Ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### \*DEDICATION PRAYER: (In Unison)

**How can we express our thanks, O God, for the one who laid down life itself in witness to your love for all people? We are aware that many have not experienced that love. We see their need, and we want to respond. Use what we offer to you to bring healing and peace to others not of this fold. Draw us together as one flock in the care of one shepherd, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: #451**      “Be Now My Vision”      Black Hymnal

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**                      “In Faith the Victory”                      Steven Scott

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## PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Brent Adkins: Brent is now home and improving slowly.

Wayne and Gretchen Cunningham: Stephanie Strobe's parents continue to battle health issues. Both have experienced some improvement of late but face long roads. Please keep them in your prayers.

Mary Ann Crist: Please keep Mary Ann in your prayers while she recovers from her surgery at home.

Pat Eichhorn: Please pray for Pat, she is ill

Em Finney: Please continue to pray for Ginny's sister as she continues to battle her illness. Ginny reports that she continues to hold her own but needs our prayers now more than ever.

Michael Ham: Michael continues to need our prayers as his health struggles continue. Thankfully, at the moment, he is holding his own.

Joyce Heffelfinger: Please pray for Joyce, she is having health issues.

Glenn Lytle: Glenn is back home following rehab. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Caroline Maslowski: Caroline doing well recovering at home and should be able to return soon.

Ruth Simpson: Ruth is recuperating at home with her son. She has several weeks before she is able to return.

Karen Spear: Is home recovering from foot surgery

Erika, Logan and Brieanna Wilson: Please pray for Sharon's grandchildren that they may know the love, peace and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Remember our homebound in your thoughts and prayers. Cards are welcome:

Beulah Bowers: 1220 N Dorset, Troy, OH 45373 **\*Address change – she is back home and living with her daughter**

Carletta Gritzmaker:      2896 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373

Joan Meredith: Lakeview Wing #213, 1567 Garbry Road, Piqua, OH 45356